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SUBJECT: TELOG: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE MINISTRY OF  
INFORMATION

REFS: (A) USREP 433, (B) JIDDA 2220, (C) JIDDA 2279

1. WE ASSUME THAT THE TWO ADVISORS WHICH WERE DISCUSSED  
WITH DEPUTY MINISTER KHOJA (DESCRIBED IN REF C) ARE IDEN-  
TICAL TO THE GENERAL INFORMATION ADVISOR AND THE PRESS  
AND BROADCAST NEWS ADVISOR POSITIONS WHICH ARE LISTED IN  
REF A. DEPARTMENT POSITION, AS REFLECTED IN DISCUSSIONS  
HERE WITH AMBASSADOR AND ARP STAFF, IS THAT THESE TWO  
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POSITIONS SHOULD NOT BE FILLED AS PART OF AN ICA ACTIVITY  
NOR AS PART OF A JOINT COMMISSION PROJECT. THERE IS  
PROBABLY GENUINE NEED WITHIN THE MINISTRY FOR SUCH ADVISORS  
TO ASSIST IN IMPROVING OVERALL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT.  
HOWEVER, AS AMBASSADOR IS AWARE, THERE IS CONCERN HERE  
THAT SUCH ADVISORS MAY BE ASKED TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ACTI-  
VITIES RELATED TO PRESS CENSORSHIP OR NEWS MANIPULATION.

IN LIGHT OF THIS POTENTIALLY POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ASPECT OF THESE POSITIONS, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THIS WORK SHOULD NOT BE LINKED DIRECTLY TO USG. TREASURY AND ICA

SHARE THIS VIEW. ICA IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS AND/OR FIRMS WHICH COULD PROVIDE PERSONNEL FOR THESE TWO ADVISORY POSITIONS. IT WOULD THEN BE UP TO THE MINISTRY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY WITH THE INDIVIDUALS OR FIRM(S) IT SELECTED.

2. THIS APPROACH EFFECTIVELY REDUCES THE PROPOSED JOINT COMMISSION PROJECT, AS DESCRIBED IN REF A, FROM SIX LONG TERM ADVISORS TO FOUR; I.E. RADIO AND TV TAPE LIBRARY SPECIALIST, TV AND RADIO PROGRAMMING ADVISOR, GENERAL BROADCASTING ENGINEER AND A FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISOR.

3. WHILE SUPPORTIVE OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT, ICA DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WITHIN THEIR CHARTER TO BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION. TREASURY HAS ASKED NTIA TO ASSUME MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT CONCEPT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT. (THE OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AT COMMERCE IS NOW PART OF A NEW AGENCY WITHIN COMMERCE, THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENCY-NTIA.) WE EXPECT A DECISION ON THIS REQUEST WITHIN A WEEK OR SO.

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4. TREASURY WILL PROVIDE EMBASSY AND USREP FURTHER INFORMATION ON PROPOSED NTIA IMPLEMENTATION PLANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. REQUEST MESSAGE REPORT AS SOON AS PRACTICAL ON MINISTRY'S REACTION TO THE APPROACH DESCRIBED ABOVE AND, RELATING SPECIFICALLY TO THE GENERAL INFORMATION AND NEWS ADVISORS, WHETHER MINISTRY WOULD LIKE ICA TO PROVIDE A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS AND FIRMS. VANCE

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